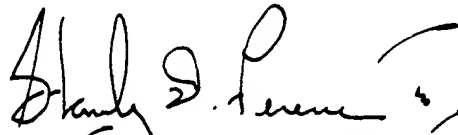


AI -- Fig. 1 is a diagram showing an example target data replacement for this embodiment. In this example, a half sized blank is replaced by <ec:sp/>, a full sized blank is replaced by <ec:sp2/> or <ec:ch utf="x0030"></ec:ch>, and "- (minus)", "— (prolonged sound)", " 力 (Chinese character, or kanji)" and " カ (katakana)" are replaced by predetermined character codes.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment corrects a typographical error in connection with one of the foreign language characters appearing in the second sentence of this paragraph. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. The correct foreign language character appears in Fig. 1. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

The paragraph beginning on Page 17, Line 15, has been amended as follows:

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